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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**In re Application of: RICHARD C. BECKER et al.**

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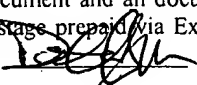
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**RESPONSE TO "NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT"**

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment" letter dated 08/02/2002, enclosed herewith please find: Copy of Substitute Specification in Entirety, as explained in the attached copy of Examiner's letter. The pages amended are pages 5, line 2, and page 24, line 15 (of specification as originally filed) and they correspond to the Amendment filed on 26 July 2002. Since this correction is filed within 30 days of the mailing of the "Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment", no further extension of time is believed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

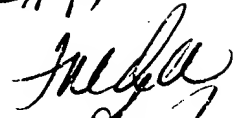
  
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**Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

The amendment filed on 7/26/02 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on September 8, 2000 (see 65 Fed. Reg. 54603, Sept. 8, 2000, and 1238 O.G. 77, Sept. 19, 2000). In order for the amendment to be compliant, applicant must supply the following omissions or corrections in response to this notice.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE REQUIRED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH RULE 1.121 (APPLICANT NEED NOT RE-SUBMIT THE ENTIRE AMENDMENT):

- ☐ 1. A clean version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(ii).
- ☐ 2. A marked-up version of the replacement paragraph(s)/section(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(b)(1)(iii).
- ☐ 3. A clean version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(i).
- ☐ 4. A marked-up version of the amended claim(s) is required. See 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

Explanation: Amended paragraphs are to be submitted in entirety or submit substantially specific type in entirety - no substantial pages permitted.

(LIE: Please provide specific details for correction to assist the applicant. For example, "the clean version of claim 6 is missing.")

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/pbg/sampleaf.pdf>. A condensed version of a sample amendment format is attached.

- ☐ **PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT:** Unless applicant **supplies the omission or correction** to the preliminary amendment in compliance with revised 37 CFR 1.121 noted above within ONE MONTH of the mail date of this letter, examination on the merits may commence without entry of the originally proposed preliminary amendment. This notice is not an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, and this ONE MONTH time limit is not extendable.

- ☒ **AMENDMENT AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION:** Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS from the mailing of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to **supply the omission or correction noted above in order to avoid abandonment**. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Areda Nelson  
Legal Instruments Examiner (LIE)